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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kouichi TAKEUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1753

Serial No.: 10/691,667

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filing Date: October 24, 2003

Docket No.: 12014-0022

For: CONTINUOUS PICKLING METHOD AND CONTINUOUS PICKLING  
APPARATUS (AS AMENDED)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 14, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 7, 2004,  
(copy enclosed), Applicants resubmit the Preliminary Amendment filed October 24,  
2003, which now complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg.  
38611 dated June 30, 2003.

Prior to calculation of the fees and issuance the first official action, please amend  
the above-captioned application as follows: